

SITUATION REPORT NO. 4  
INCIDENT NO. 95-34  
DATE: April 7, 1995      TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flooding (Except Devils Lake which is being reported separately as Incident #95-04.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None have been reported.
3. DAMAGE: Twenty-seven counties have reported spring flood damages. They are Barnes, Benson, Bottineau, Burleigh, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Kidder, Logan, McHenry, McLean, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, Sheridan, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Walsh, and Wells.

The major damages occurring are in eastern and central North Dakota. Reports indicate washouts of road bridges and culverts, and water flowing over roads and bridges. Basement seepage, sewage drain field saturation, and basement structural damage is also being reported.

The need for above normal releases from Baldhill Dam has caused public and private damages along the Sheyenne River below Baldhill Dam.

ND Division of Emergency Management and State Water Commission staff conducted an aerial survey of the upper Devils Lake Basin and the upper Sheyenne River Basin on April 6. They reported a large volume of water remaining in the Sheyenne River Basin above Lake Ashtabula.

In Sheridan County, a sewage lift station at Goodrich was threatened by local runoff.

Officials in Walsh County closed 28 township roads and 1 county road because of inundation and washouts along the Red and Morais Rivers. They estimate about \$100,000 in road damages.

Richland County has twelve bridges remaining closed due to high water.

In the city of Grand Forks, an abandoned sewer line under Lincoln Golf Course has breached. Water from the Red River is backflowing through this line unto

Lincoln Golf Course.

Griggs County officials reported widespread basement and sewage problems.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: In addition to previous reports, private contractors are supplementing city and county resources where necessary.

STATE: No change from previous report.

FEDERAL: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun to reinforce the banks of the Minnewaukan sewage lagoon. They have also provided a pump to drain cell number three, because the outlet is blocked.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross has ordered 400 additional cleanup kits for local use.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: As of this report, commissions of fifteen counties, three cities, and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council have issued emergency declarations. This officially authorizes those jurisdictions to fully utilize local resources.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing two 16-inch pumps to Grand Forks City Parks and Recreation Department. The pumps are being used to pump the water back into the channel to prevent widespread flooding on the Lincoln Golf Course.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers supplied 500 sandbags to the City of Goodrich to protect a sewage lift station, and a pump to McHenry County.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous report.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: A cold front brought 50-60 mile per hour winds and snow creating blizzard conditions in northern and northeastern North Dakota on Monday, April 3. Temperatures remained below normal during the week. The cold temperatures have slowed the runoff which is expected to resume when the state returns to normal weather conditions. Rain and snow is forecast for the weekend of April 8-9, 1995.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas C. Friez  
State Director

